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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Garcia, M.H. LAST UPDATED _____ HB HJM 29

SHORT TITLE Sunland Park Port of Entry SB _____

ANALYST Wilson

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 29 endorses and supports the establishment of a vehicle and pedestrian, non-commercial customs port of entry at the international border between Ciudad Juarez-Anapra, Mexico, and Sunland Park, New Mexico.

In addition the bill resolves that the New Mexico congressional delegation be requested to actively assist Sunland Park's efforts to have the federal government open a vehicle and pedestrian, noncommercial customs port of entry in Sunland Park.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the State of New Mexico. This will be a federally funded project if the City of Sunland Park is successful in its efforts to have the border crossing located there.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Sunland Park is located at the southernmost part of Dona Ana County, along the international border with the Republic of Mexico.

Sunland Park has had a federal cattle crossing designation since 1978 and is now preparing necessary documents for consideration by the United States government to establish a vehicle and pedestrian, noncommercial customs port of entry in the immediate proximity of the cattle crossing.

The establishment of a noncommercial international border crossing at Sunland Park is part of an overall regional master plan strategy and will dramatically open the paseo del norte border region to binational economic and cultural opportunities and activities.

Recent studies have indicated that a border crossing located at Sunland Park will significantly reduce vehicular congestion and the associated air pollution now affecting the New Mexico-Texas-Chihuahua region caused by the international ports of entry in nearby El Paso, Texas; and

A border crossing located at Sunland Park will enable the municipality to participate in the state's economic development efforts by actively promoting initiatives designed to attract trade, commercial development, tourists and international projects that are currently channeled through the ports of entry in Texas,

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